

Dear FCC,

As a current subscriber to XM Radio I am terribly concerned that the NAB is trying to quash satellite radios ability to broadcast local traffic and weather updates. I personally benefit a great deal from this service.

1. I subscribe to satellite radio because I could no longer tolerate listening to all of the "shock jocks" on public radio. Their crude and sophomoric humor became too much for me. I chose to purchase satellite radio because public radio was not providing me with a quality product for me and my family.

2. XM Radio's 24/7 traffic and weather channel is an absolutely superior product. No longer do I have to wait for the "shock jocks" to finish talking about whatever crass subject they are discussing. I can immediately turn to the traffic and weather channel for my area and get an immediate update on the current traffic situation. This service has been invaluable to me as I use the information daily to determine my route to and from work each day. In addition, the traffic reports presented by XM Radio are more comprehensive and accurate than ANY report I have ever heard on public radio.

Instead of blaming satellite radio for public radio's demise, perhaps they (NAB) should look inward to find the true cause of their demise. I gladly pay my monthly dues because I am receiving a quality product (over 100 channels of music, broken out by genre, with over 60 channels being commercial free). We are a capitalist society and you get what you pay for. Public radio is free. With free radio you must listen to commercials. This is not a major issue, except when the majority of time when listening to a "music" channel you hear more commercials and the dreaded dialogue of the moronic shock jocks that the radio stations hire.

It would be a travesty to allow the NAB to succeed in their attempt to block satellite radios ability to broadcast traffic and weather. I am a happy satellite radio customer because I no longer have to listen to public radio for any reason.

Let the NAB help themselves by improving their product; not be by giving them an undeserved advantage in a free-market society.